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1) NOT ENTIRELY BY COINCIDENCE, I HAD PUT TOGETHER A LIST
SIMILAR TO YOURS EARLIER THIS WEEK, AND GONE THROUGH IT
WITH S/P TO DISCUSS PARCELING OUT WRITING ASSIGNMENTS. THE
ONLY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MY LIST AND YOURS ARE: (A)
I DO NOT INCLUDE THE JANUARY 13 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LUNCH; (B) I AM ASSUMING THAT SOME TALKING POINTS FOR A
TOAST WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE ZAHEDI DINNER ON JANUARY
14; AND (C) I HAVE NOT INCLUDED ANYTHING BEYOND JANUARY
20, E.G., THE FRANKLIN AWARD CEREMONY ON JANUARY 25.

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2) WE HAVE NOT PROGRESSED AS FAR AS I WOULD HAVE LIKED
THIS WEEK ON PINNING DOWN WHO IS GOING TO WRITE WHAT BY
WHEN -- PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE NOT MUCH OF ANYBODY HAS BEEN
HERE AMONG OUR SMALL SELECT GROUP OF WRITERS. THE STATUS
ON THE MOST PRESSING ITEMS IS AS FOLLOWS:

--CABINET DINNER: AS YOU KNOW FROM DECEMBER 13 LSE-HAK
NOTE, THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE THE MC AND PRINCIPAL

SPEAKER, AND THE SECRETARY WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE SOME
REMARKS AS HE PRESENTS THE CABINET GIFT TO THE PRESIDENT.
YOU WILL HAVE A DRAFT BY CABLE FOR THE FLIGHT BACK.

--THE FRENCH EMBASSY DINNER: WE WILL HAVE SOME MATERIAL
FOR A TOAST ON MONDAY.

--THE TRAVELING PRESS DINNER: AGAIN WE WILL HAVE A DRAFT
ON MONDAY, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE THIS ONE HAS GOT TO BE DONE
BY A FREQUENT TRAVELER; WIN LORD IS THE OBVIOUS CHOICE
AND HE BECOMES AVAILABLE AGAIN TOMORROW.

--NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCH: PETER RODMAN IS DOING A NEW
DRAFT OF THIS ON THE BASIS OF THE SECRETARY'S GUIDANCE TO
LARRY YESTERDAY, AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE IT READY IN TIME TO
CABLE TO YOU FOR THE RIDE HOME.

3) I AGREE WITH YOU ENTIRELY THAT THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE
AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE DONE. WE HAVE BEEN
HAMPERED THIS WEEK BY VARIOUS ABSENCES, AND BY THE FACT
THAT MANY OF THE ORGANIZING GROUPS INVOLVED IN THESE
EVENTS DO NOT HAVE STAKHANOVITE WORKING HABITS DURING
THE WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S.
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